

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended): A laminate production apparatus for producing a laminate by nipping a running support and a resin film of thermoplastic resin by means of a nip roller and a cooling roller while coating the surface of the support with the resin film, and comprising a gas jet nozzle for jetting a gas toward the surface of the cooling roller and forming a gas curtain extending in a width direction of the surface of the cooling roller, between the cooling roller and the gas jet nozzle, ~~the gas jet nozzle being provided near a nip point for the support and the resin film,~~

wherein the gas jet nozzle is disposed at a position corresponding to a central angle for the cooling roller of 90 degrees or smaller, the central angle representing an arc distance on the cooling roller from a blown point on the surface of the cooling roller for gas blow to the nip point

wherein the gas jet nozzle is perpendicular to the surface of the cooler roller, and

wherein the gas jetted by the gas jet nozzle jets the gas from a gas source, the gas being permeable through the resin film.

9. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 8, wherein a flow velocity of the gas blown from the gas jet nozzle is 1 m/sec or higher.

10. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the gas jet nozzle is disposed at a position such that the distance from a tip of the gas jet nozzle to the surface of the cooling roller is 50 mm or shorter when blowing the gas vertically to the surface of the cooling roller.

11. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 10, wherein a flow velocity of the gas blown from the gas jet nozzle is 1 m/sec or higher.

Claim 12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended): The laminate production apparatus according to claim ~~12~~8, wherein a flow velocity of the gas blown from the gas jet nozzle is 1 m/sec or higher.

14. (currently amended): The laminate production apparatus according to claim ~~12~~8, wherein the gas jet nozzle is disposed at a position such that the distance from a tip of the gas jet nozzle to the surface of the cooling roller is 50 mm or shorter when blowing the gas vertically to the surface of the cooling roller.

15. (original): The laminate production apparatus according to claim 14, wherein a flow velocity of the gas blown from the gas jet nozzle is 1 m/sec or higher.